

Amendments To The Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A window blind cutting machine comprising:

a machine base for holding moveably a window blind to be cut along a direction parallel to a longitudinal axis of said machine base;

~~two cutting units~~ a first cutting unit and a second cutting unit respectively disposed at two distal ends of said machine base, ~~each said cutting units~~ each unit having a cutter movable along a respective cutting path across the longitudinal axis of said machine base for cutting off a part of the window blind held on said machine base that protrudes over a respective reference line based on said cutting path;

~~at least one~~ a first measuring device ~~respectively~~ disposed at an outer side of [[one]] said first cutting unit, ~~said at least one first~~ measuring device ~~each~~ having [[an]] a first outer measuring rule disposed in parallel to the longitudinal axis of said machine base for measuring the part of the window blind that protrudes over said reference line;

wherein said machine base is provided with ~~at least one~~ a first inner measuring rule arranged in parallel to the longitudinal axis of said machine base at an inner side of said first cutting unit between the first cutting unit and the second cutting unit, ~~said at least one first~~ inner measuring rule respectively extending in direction from ~~one of said first cutting units unit~~ toward the ~~other~~ second cutting unit and ~~having a respective~~ has a true-zero disposed at the reference line of the cutting path of the ~~corresponding~~ second cutting unit, for enabling the operator to measure the length of the window blind from the reference line of the second cutting unit.

2. (Currently Amended) The window blind cutting machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the number of said at least one measuring device is 2, and the two measuring devices are respectively~~ a second measuring device having a second outer measuring rule is disposed adjacent to the outer side of said second cutting unit.

3. (Currently Amended) The window blind cutting machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the number of said at least one inner measuring rule is 2, and the two~~ a second inner measuring rule ~~are respectively extended~~ rule extends from the reference line based on the cutting path ~~of one of~~

said second cutting unit toward the ~~other of~~ first cutting unit, ~~having the respective~~ unit and has a true-zero disposed at the ~~corresponding~~ reference line of the first cutting unit.

4. (Currently Amended) The window blind cutting machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein said machine base is provided with ~~at least one~~ a first carriage, said ~~at least one first~~ carriage being longitudinally movably mounted on said machine base and lockable to said machine base at a desired position for holding the window blind to be cut and moving the loaded window blind on said machine base in the direction along the longitudinal axis of said machine base.

5. (Currently Amended) The window blind cutting machine as claimed in claim 4, wherein ~~the number of said at least one carriage is 2, and the two carriages are~~ a second carriage is arranged in line along the longitudinal axis of said machine base.

6. (Currently Amended) The window blind cutting machine as claimed in claim 5, wherein each said first and second carriage comprises an alignment plate for aligning one end of the window blind to be cut, and an index, said index and said alignment having same coordinates value on the longitudinal axis of said machine base, said index being

disposed in close proximity to [[one]] a corresponding said inner measuring rule for enabling the operator to read readings on the corresponding inner measuring rule indicated by said index.

7. (Currently Amended) The window blind cutting machine as claimed in claim 6, wherein each said first and second carriage comprises a sliding bar movable relative to the ~~respective~~ corresponding carriage along the longitudinal axis of said machine base and lockable to the ~~respective~~ corresponding carriage in a desired position; the alignment plate and index of each said first and second carriage being disposed at the sliding bar of the ~~respective~~ corresponding carriage.

8. (Currently Amended) The window blind cutting machine as claimed in claim 7, wherein said sliding bar comprises a longitudinal sliding slot disposed in parallel to the longitudinal axis of said machine base, and two screw bolts respectively inserted through said longitudinal sliding slot and threaded into the ~~respective~~ corresponding carriage to lock said sliding bar to the ~~respective~~ corresponding carriage.

9. (Currently Amended) The window blind cutting machine as claimed in claim 7, wherein said alignment plate is

movable in a transverse direction perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of said machine base and lockable to the ~~respective~~ corresponding sliding bar.

10. (Original) The window blind cutting machine as claimed in claim 9, wherein said alignment plate comprises a transverse sliding slot horizontally extending in the transverse direction perpendicular to the sliding slot of the corresponding sliding bar, and two screw bolts inserted through said transverse sliding slot and threaded into the corresponding sliding bar to adjustably lock said alignment plate to the corresponding sliding bar.

11. (Currently Amended) The window blind cutting machine as claimed in claim 4, wherein said machine base comprises two rails longitudinally arranged in parallel; said ~~at least one~~ first and second carriage each comprising a C-shaped clamping member longitudinally slidably coupled to one of said rails, and a lock mounted in said C-shaped clamping member for locking said C-shaped clamping member to the ~~respective~~ corresponding rail.

12. (Currently Amended) The window blind cutting machine as claimed in claim 4, wherein each ~~said at least one~~ first and second carriage [[each]] comprises a fixed clamping plate and a movable clamping plate disposed at a top side

thereof and arranged in parallel to the longitudinal axis of said machine base, said fixed clamping plate being affixed to the ~~respective~~ corresponding carriage, said movable clamping plate being movable relative to said fixed clamping plate to adjust the pitch between said fixed clamping plate and said movable clamping plate for holding the window blind therebetween.

13. (Currently Amended) The window blind cutting machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein each ~~said at least one~~ first and second measuring device [[each]] comprises a base mounted on said machine base, a sliding bar slidably mounted to said base of said corresponding measuring device along the direction parallel to the longitudinal axis of said machine base, a stop plate affixed to one end of the sliding bar of the ~~respective~~ corresponding measuring device, and said outer measuring rule longitudinally formed integral with a top wall of the sliding bar of the respective measuring device.

14. (Currently Amended) A window blind cutting machine comprising:

a machine base for holding moveably a window blind to be cut along a direction parallel to a longitudinal axis of said machine base;

a cutting unit disposed at one end of said machine base, said cutting unit having a cutter movable along a cutting path across the longitudinal axis of said machine for cutting off a part of the window blind held on said machine base that protrudes over a reference line based on said cutting path;

a measuring device disposed at an outer side of said cutting unit, said measuring device having an outer measuring rule disposed in parallel to the longitudinal axis of said machine base for measuring the part of the window blind that protrudes over said reference line;

wherein said machine base is provided with an inner measuring rule disposed in parallel to the longitudinal axis of said machine base at an inner side of said cutting unit, said inner measuring rule extending from said cutting unit toward an opposite end of said machine base and having a true-zero disposed at the reference line of the cutting path of the cutting unit, for enabling the operator to measure the length of the window blind from the reference line.